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For: **Method and Apparatus for Determining Network
Topology and/or Managing Network Related Tasks**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **May 5, 2004** (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 5), Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response. **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this Response.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.